

# TURKEY'S ASSAULT ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONTINUES

## HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 20, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, over the years the Helsinki Commission has closely monitored human rights developments to Turkey. I have supported Commission efforts and have joined my colleagues in speaking out about suppression of free speech, torture, and fundamental human rights questions concerning Turkey's Kurdish citizens. As the new Chairman of the Commission, I will continue to speak out on these and other such developments.

I rise today to protest the arrest of seven leaders of the Human Rights Association of Turkey's Diyarbakir branch. Prosecutors want to jail these individuals for no less than 10 years on charges that a publication they produced which documented human rights cases constitutes "separatist propaganda." One of those detained, Neymetullah Gunduz, an attorney and association leader, had met with members of a Helsinki Commission delegation last October. Just weeks ago, several other human rights leaders were acquitted of similar charges. Mr. Speaker, international scrutiny has and should continue to focus on these draconian speech restrictions and other human rights problems which continue to tarnish Turkey's democratic credentials.

For years now, Human Rights Association members throughout Turkey, but especially in the southeast, have been harassed, gunned down, and have had their offices forcibly closed. The Diyarbakir branch was the last allowed by authorities to function in the region, and now, it too has been silenced. Mr. Speaker, the deteriorating human rights situation facing residents of southeast Turkey can only be described in terms of fear and violence. The freedoms and liberties of all citizens have been stripped in an effort to fight terrorism, and residents are victimized by both terrorist and security forces.

Mr. Speaker, Turkish leaders have expressed dismay at efforts to slow Turkey's integration into the European Union, and yet that Government has continued to pursue policies contrary to accepted international human rights norms. Their protests about congressional conditioning of U.S. aid on human rights performance ring equally hollow given the flagrant disregard for Turkey's stated human rights commitments, including those undertaken with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Government of Turkey to immediately drop its case against the seven activists and to release all those political prisoners who presently languish in Turkish prisons simply for expressing their opinions.

# TUCSON'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

## HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 20, 1995

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Sarah

R. "Sally" Simmons who was recently chosen Tucson's Woman of the Year for 1994. This award, given by the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, recognizes outstanding individuals who have selflessly helped others.

Through her career and dedication to the community, Sally Simmons is both a role model and an inspiration to those around her. In 1993, she became the first Tucson woman and second woman ever to become president of the Arizona Bar Association. She is also a partner in the firm of Brown & Bain, where she specializes in real estate law.

In addition to her thriving career, Ms. Simmons contributes her personal time to various boards and community organizations. She serves on the Board of Directors for Southern Arizona Legal Aid, D-M 50, Lawyers Against Hunger, and is on the advisory board of Tucsonians for a Drug Free Workplace. Ms. Simmons is a charter member of the Arizona Women Lawyer's Association and has served on the board of the Alcoholism Council of Tucson.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Simmons and especially to thank her for all she is doing to improve the lives of the people of Tucson and throughout Arizona.

# PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE STEUBENVILLE MASONIC LODGE NO. 45

## HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 20, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, the Steubenville Masonic Lodge #45 F. & A.M. has contributed untold volunteer hours in building character, citizenship, and leadership in this community; and,

Whereas, the Steubenville Masonic Lodge #45 F. & A.M. is celebrating 175 years of service to the area's Masons and community; and,

Whereas, members have made in kind contributions of service, financial contributions to the Steubenville area, contributions to the Special Olympics, and to other important needs of the community; and,

Whereas, the local Masonic Lodge has extended the interest of the Masonic Order within this community; and,

Whereas, the members of schools, churches, service clubs, union organizations, and others have been members of the Masonic Order; and,

Whereas, the city of Steubenville and all the surrounding areas of Ohio are better places to live because of Steubenville's Masonic Lodge #45, we join in the celebration of their 175 year anniversary on the twentieth day of January in 1995.

# HOLDING OUR FEET TO THE FIRE—THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

## HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 20, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, several months ago I joined my Republican colleagues

to sign a contract with the American people to give them less government, less taxes, and less spending. As part of our new covenant we also promised the American people a more open and accountable Government.

We have invited radio talk show hosts to the Capitol to communicate to their listeners exactly what it is we are doing to keep our promises. I am excited to report that they are taking us up on our invitation.

I want to welcome southern California radio talk show host Roger Hedgecock and almost 200 of his listeners who traveled at their own expense, more than 3,000 miles to hold our feet to the fire and make sure that we work to pass the Barton balanced budget amendment.

I am heartened to see such a devoted group of citizens travel so far to enjoy a more open and accountable Congress committed to keeping its word.

They understand a balanced budget amendment will fundamentally change the way Government works. They know that this amendment is the only way to ensure that their children and grandchildren will not be saddled with a Federal debt which is currently tipping the scales at more than \$4.5 trillion.

The American people know that it is time for the Federal spending beast to change its eating habits. As with any healthy diet, discipline is key. The balanced budget amendment imposes just that kind of control.

Anyone who has ever been on a diet knows that the key to success is resisting the temptation to cheat. The three-fifths rule in the Barton amendment will help Congress resist the temptation to cheat by making it more difficult to raise taxes on hard working Americans. It will make it tougher for Congress to continue its unhealthy spending habits.

I urge my colleagues to support the Barton amendment and Roger Hedgecock's listeners to continue holding our feet to the fire.

# TRIBUTE TO EDDY JASON

## HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 20, 1995

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, last weekend one of our communities lost a vibrant personality and talented broadcaster. Eddy Jason, whose radio program was an important part of daily life in Green Bay, WI, passed away at the age of 92.

For 47 years, Eddy entertained, comforted, and informed listeners on WGEE radio with his daily show, "Partyline." He was a lifeline to people in the community, who counted on him for news, information, and just plain old advice. He possessed an amazing amount of common knowledge and common sense. There wasn't any question he couldn't answer.

He played a special role for many seniors in the area, who turned to him every weekday at 9 a.m. for the latest word on current events and happenings around town.

His off-the-air personality was also geared toward helping his community. He was a regular participant in my annual senior seminar, kicking off the proceedings with the Pledge of Allegiance or a brief presentation.

He was a household name in the Green Bay area and enjoyed the recognition. On the street, he was probably more recognizable by